

be a decision that the district would make. And if they wanted to make that decision and go through that, that's perfectly fine. So to that part I have no problems with the amendment. Philosophically, on education I do know that so many...so many of our children, unfortunately, might get with the wrong group, might have the wrong crowd, maybe in a different environment that they have been unable to break out of and, consequently, they have had and have been discipline problems. Sometimes the discipline problems are severe, sometimes not so severe. But I think one thing is clear, one thing we have always known with our students and our young people sometimes a change in environment can make all the difference in the world and to not allow a parent or family to try to change environments to do what they for their child, I think would be...we would be somewhat misguided to do so. So I guess, Senator Lamb, what I'm saying is if we agree with the amendment, I have no problems because the district in many of those cases will go through the appeals process anyway and that's a decision they're going to have to make. Philosophically, I don't think it's in the best interests of our children because so many incidents have been taking place where you have people who...young people who do have discipline problems but a different environment, they have flowered, they have grown and they have done very, very well and I hate to take that opportunity away at this particular point. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Withem, on the amendment, followed...thank you. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I think I'm just going to...not going to talk very long because I think Senator Baack and Senator Bernard-Stevens did an excellent job of explaining. I think you simply take one of the leeways because we want to help. That's the type of students that may be helped by this bill, the choice bill, is by allowing them some choice, moving out of a particular bad environment, so I strongly oppose this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Those in favor of ceasing debate please vote aye, opposed nay. Shall debate cease? Record, please.